

## News Release

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## U.S. Small Business Administration and North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce To Sign Co-Sponsorship Agreement

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** – The Rhode Island District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration and the North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce have announced they will be signing a co-sponsorship agreement in an effort to make available resources available to local small businesses in North Kingstown. Joining the SBA and Chamber on the agreement will be the Center for Women and Enterprise and the local chapter of SCORE.

"This partnership between the SBA, its resource partners, and North Kingstown Chamber will allow us to extend the maximum amount of assistance to businesses in the Chamber's membership as well as numerous other small businesses in the North Kingstown area," said SBA's Rhode Island District Director, Mark S. Hayward. "With our combined resources and efforts, we will be able to provide these small businesses with invaluable information and access to resources to help them start, grow and thrive."

North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Martha Pughe, echoed Hayward's sentiments. "We are extremely excited to partner with the SBA in an effort to best serve our membership here in North Kingstown and other Rhode Island small businesses. This is a unique opportunity for both of us to maximize the impact our resources can have for our local small business community."

Topics to be covered under this agreement will include: How To Write a Business Plan, The A-Z Guide to Small Business Loans, How to Start and Run a Small Business, Continuity Planning, How to Land a Government Contract, Annual Sales Projections, How To Retire from Your Business, and more.

The signing of the agreement will take place on **Wednesday**, **January 8**, **2014 at 8:00am** and will be held at the **North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce**, **8045 Post Road**, **North Kingstown**, **RI**.